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CHARLESTON, IL --Dr. Dale D. Downs, School of Education at Eastern Illinois University, has been named vice president-elect of the Illinois Reading Council.

Downs, a professor in the Department of Elementary and Junior High School Education, will take office on June 1 and will succeed automatically to vice president, president, and immediate past president. During this four year period he will serve on the Executive Committee and the Council's Board of Directors.

Dr. Gene Blair, also of Eastern, was president of the 5,000-member organization in 1978-79.

Downs was intermediate supervising teacher at the Buzzard Laboratory School for eleven years and was a grade school teacher in Mattoon for five years.

He is a charter member of the East Central-EIU Reading Council. Downs holds the doctorate from Indiana University, a master's degree from the University of Illinois, and a bachelor's degree from Eastern.